


Kansas



STATE AND LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH.

CHAPTER 129, LAWS 1885.

AN ACT to create a State and local boards of health, and to regulate the practice of medicine in the State of Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

SECTION 1. Within thirty days after this act shall take effect, the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, if it be then in session, shall appoint from the different parts of the state nine physicians, who shall be men of good moral character and temperate habits, distinguished for their devotion to the study of medicine and allied sciences, of not less than seven years' continuous practice in their profession, and each of whom shall be a graduate of a respectable medical college; and said nine physicians, when so appointed and confirmed, shall be known as "The Kansas State Board of Health." Three of said physicians shall be appointed for one year, three for two years, and three for three years; and annually thereafter the governor shall in like manner appoint three physicians of like character and qualifications to fill the vacancies occurring in said board by reason of the expiration of the terms of service, as herein provided; and the persons so appointed shall hold their respective offices for the like term of three years, and until their successors are appointed and qualified; but in no case shall the governor appoint a majority of the physicians that shall constitute said board of health from any one school of medical practice, nor shall said board at any time be composed of persons a majority of whom shall be of the same school of medical practice. Upon the appointment of the nine physicians first provided for in this act, the secretary of state shall issue to each of them a certifi-

cate of his appointment, and within twenty days after such appointment the said nine persons shall meet in the city of Topeka, and they shall each take and subscribe the oath prescribed by law for state officers, which oath shall be filed with the secretary of state. And thereupon said board shall immediately organize by electing one of its number president. They shall also elect a secretary, and said secretary shall be the executive officer of said board, but not a member thereof. The secretary shall execute to the state of Kansas a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, with sureties to be approved by the governor; and when approved, it shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state. Said bond shall be conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as such secretary. And he shall take and file a like oath to that prescribed for the members of said board. The board may elect one of its own number secretary, but in such case such election shall create a vacancy in the board, which shall be filled by the governor. It shall be the duty of the governor to fill all vacancies which may occur in the board; and all appointments, whether original or to fill vacancies, made during the recess of the legislature, shall be submitted by the governor to the senate at its first session after such appointment is made, for its action. But all lawful official actions of the members of the board made before confirmation or rejection, shall be valid. The executive council shall provide the state board of health a suitable office at the city of Topeka for the transaction of its business.

SEC. 2. The state board of health shall make, adopt and publish such rules and order of business as may be necessary to make this act effective, and facilitate the transaction of its business. It shall provide a seal, and all correspondence and papers emanating from it shall be under the seal of said board. It shall meet quarterly, and oftener if deemed necessary, at such place as it may designate, the first meeting to be held in the city of Topeka. The annual meeting after the first shall be held during the month of June in each and every year, at Topeka, and a majority of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. No member

of the board shall receive any compensation for services rendered; but their traveling and other necessary expenses, while employed on the business of the board, shall be allowed and paid. The secretary shall receive such compensation as may be allowed by the state board of health, and approved by the governor, and to be paid him in the same manner as the salaries of other state officers are paid, and such necessary expenses shall be allowed him as the secretary of state shall admit, on the presentation of an itemized account, having vouchers annexed, together with the certificate of the board.

SEC. 3. The secretary shall hold his office so long as he shall faithfully discharge the duties thereof; but may be removed for just cause at any regular meeting of the board, by a majority of all members of the board. He shall keep a record of all the transactions of the board; shall have the custody of all books, papers, documents, and other property belonging to the office; shall communicate with other state boards of health, and with the local boards of health within this state; shall file and keep all reports received from such boards, and all correspondence of the office appertaining to the business of the board. He shall perform all other duties prescribed in this act for the said secretary, or directed by the state board of health.

SEC. 4. The state board of health shall supervise the health interests of the people of this state. They shall make careful inquiry in respect to the cause of disease, and especially of epidemics, and investigate the sources of mortality, and the effects of localities, employments, conditions, ingesta, habits and surroundings on the health of the people. They shall advise officers of government, or other state boards, in regard to location, drainage, water supply, disposal of excreta, heating and ventilation of public buildings. They shall collect and preserve such information relating to forms of disease and death as may be useful in the discharge of the duties of said board. All health officers of local boards of health in the state shall transmit to said state board of health copies of the reports and publications, and such sanitary information as may be useful to the people of the state.

SEC. 5. The state board of health shall supervise the registration of marriages, births, and deaths, and also the registration of forms of disease prevalent in the state; and the secretary of said board shall superintend the registration of the vital statistics of the state. They shall prepare the blank forms necessary for obtaining and preserving such records, and forward such of them to the health officers of local boards as may be required by physicians, assessors, local boards, and others whose duty it is to gather information in relation to the vital statistics of the state. The state board of health shall also prepare the forms and establish the rules by which permits for transporting the dead bodies of persons for burial beyond the county where the death occurs; and in all cases the said board of health shall require the coupons to be attached to such permits, to be detached and preserved by every common carrier, or the person in charge of any vessel, railroad train, or vehicle, to which dead bodies shall be delivered for transportation. Any violations of these rules shall subject the offender to a fine of ten dollars for each offense.

SEC. 6. The state board of health shall, when they think best to do so, appoint committees, or engage suitable persons to render special sanitary service, to make or supervise practical or scientific investigations and examinations, requiring expert skill, and to prepare plans and report thereon. And it is hereby made the duty of all officers and agents having the control, charge or custody of any public structure, work, ground or erection, or any plan, description, outline drawings, charts thereof or relating thereto, made, kept or controlled under any public authority, to permit and facilitate any examination and inspection ordered by said board; and the members of said board, and such other officer or person as may at any time be by said board authorized, may without fee or hindrance enter, examine and survey all grounds, erections, vehicles, structures, apartments, buildings, and places; but the legislature shall first determine the amount which shall be expended during the year for such special sanitary work, and the expenditures shall not exceed the amount thus determined and set apart for the year.

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